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Cover: Chief Master Sgt. Victor Santiago, 125th Communications Flight, watches the ball as it soars toward the target. Santiago volunteered to sit in the dunk tank during Family Day 2004.

Back cover: A young boy reaches for a balloon during a 125th Family Day in 1986. Children pose in front of a FANG P-51 Mustang, circa 1948.

Commander's Column

By Col. James A. Firth
125th Fighter Wing Commander

I want to take a moment and say a few things about our priorities over the next few years. This helps each of us focus our efforts in the areas that are most important, work more effectively as a team, and also build a plan that gets us to the goals we are pursuing.

Our top priority in the 125th Fighter Wing is to be ready to perform all aspects of our combat mission when we are called upon, and to contribute to the ongoing global war on terrorism. Many of our wing support personnel are currently doing just that in Iraq and other worldwide locations.

Being the best at performing our wartime mission is, by far, the most important thing we do. This includes continuing to support our vital

role in the Homeland Defense mission, Operation Noble Eagle and supporting our alert operation at Homestead. This also includes being ready to deploy for AEF (Aerospace Expeditionary Force) or ECS (Expeditionary Combat Support), by knowing your specific job skill and also having all medical and mobility folder documentation prerequisites completely updated at all times. I ask that each of you take a moment to ensure both your medical, dental, and mobility folder documentation prerequisites are completely up to date (we have had a larger than desired number of problems in these areas). If we are required to

rapidly deploy for combat operations, we simply cannot afford to take the time to fix these issues that should have been up to date already. Take personal responsibility to ensure your items are 100% complete and accurate. If you have any questions about how to determine whether you are good to go, please contact your supervisor or 1st Sgt.

Falling after our combat mission and our support for the global war on terrorism, our next major Wing priority is preparing for our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI), scheduled to occur sometime between January and April 2006. To some, an inspection 18 months away may seem distant, but when you look at it from the

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perspective of UTAs, we only have 18 UTA weekends or about 36 UTA training days to be ready to show the ACC IG team that we are outstanding in performing all aspects of our operational mission.

I am personally very excited about preparing for this ORI because it will give our entire unit a sharp focus on our wartime mission. The ORI is the single most important evaluation we receive, because it is an evaluation of our ability to do the most important thing we do—our mission.

I have appointed Lt. Col. Sam Said to lead a carefully selected team that will oversee, organize and execute our preparation as



a Wing. I have tremendous confidence in Lt. Col. Said, his team and their plan.

We are all extremely proud of our capability as a Wing and we all want to perform in a superb manner.

We are doing everything we can to be sure our preparation is methodical, organized, evenly paced and thorough, rather than chaotic and rushed.

We have chosen this approach to help us do well and make the preparation as professional and enjoyable as we can. Please support us with a positive attitude, focused on success!

The 125th Fighter Wing is widely recognized as one of the most capable units in the Air Force and Air National Guard.

I look forward to the benefit of focusing on improving our ability to perform our mission, and to the challenge of demonstrating our superb capability as a Wing during the ORI.

We truly have an incredible unit—I look forward to seeing each of you show the entire Air Force and Air National Guard your superb capabilities!

OPSEC keeps pieces of a puzzle apart

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr

Air Force Print News

September 10, 2001 - **WASHINGTON** — Picture a large jigsaw puzzle with many pieces. Sometimes two pieces fit together and sometimes they do not. What happens when a piece does not fit? It is put to the side until a match shows up.

In operations security, each bit of information is a puzzle piece. When alone, some information might seem unimportant. But, when matched with other information, the entire picture can be completed.

According to Master Sgt. David Walker, Air Force OPSEC program manager at the Pentagon, when someone violates OPSEC rules, the military mission could be compromised, resulting in lost lives and equipment.

He said the enemy can analyze small bits of unclassified information from telephone conversations, e-mails and small talk and use them to examine the planning, preparation, execution and post execution phases of any activity. This allows them to see the big picture of military action in any operational environment.

"The picture with bits and pieces of

information added together provides the adversary an upper hand," he said. "The enemy now has the information necessary to thwart our planned military operations."

The purpose of OPSEC is to identify information and observable actions relating to mission capabilities, limitations and intentions in order to prevent exploitation by potential adversaries. So, Walker said it is everyone's duty, whether active duty, family member or civilian, to protect the mission.

Some things people should not talk about outside the proper environment include troop movements and locations, equipment locations, operational status of equipment, mission taskings and leadership movement.

Walker said following simple OPSEC can make the enemy's job that much more difficult.

"OPSEC is very important, not only in wartime, but in peacetime," he said. "A little effort on our part can make it much harder for our adversaries to gain valuable information regarding Air Force military operations."

("This article was written the day before 9/11 and it drives home that it could happen again if we don't adhere to some simple principles."- Maj. Hilsdon, 125th OPSEC Officer)

New Commander for the 125th MDG

The leadership reigns of the 125th Medical Group formally changed hands Saturday, June 26 as Col. Ramsey B. Salem, 125MDG commander, relinquished command and Lt. Col. Osvaldo Collazo accepted command of the group from Col. James A. Firth, 125th Fighter Wing Commander.

Salem, who was very emotional about leaving his FANG family, has accepted the position of Air National Guard Assistant to the Assistant Surgeon General for Dental at NGB headquarters. Collazo, who began his military career with the Air Force in 1979, has served with the 125th since 1991. Collazo commented that he was excited to take command of an organization that he has been a part of for so many years. An



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michelle L. Thomas

Center: Lt. Col. Collazo formally accepts command of the 125MDG from Col. Firth as departing commander, Col. Salem, and the group 1st Sgt, Senior Master Sgt. Joseph E. Mann observe. Right: Command Chief Master Sgt. Wisniewski, Col. Stacy, Col. Rutherford and Brig. Gen. Titshaw look on.

organization that Salem is leaving in "excellent" condition as validated by the score achieved during the recent Health Services Inspection (HSI) in May.

Respect: *It's not just a song*

By Lt. Col. Steven E. Thompson
125th Fighter Wing Chaplain

Aretha Franklin made famous a quality that all of us ought to generously give and graciously receive.

In her hit record she boldly belted out that all she needed was a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T! (Bet many of you are humming the song right now.)!

Respect for yourself and for others is a key component included in the Great Commandment, **Love your neighbor as you do yourself.** (Matthew 22:37-39)

However, respect is often ignored in favor of another American value that I am concerned has been taken to an unhealthy extreme.

Today, we live in a "rights" crazed society. How many times a day do you hear someone say something like:

"I have a right to ..."

"They don't have a right to ..."?

Please do not misunderstand me.

I am grateful for the value that God bestows upon every person.

I am also grateful that our country recognizes our value and protects it from abuse by ensuring our inalienable rights.

But, life is not all about rights. It is also about respect and another "R" word: **Responsibility.**

Many of our fellow guardsmen as well as our comrades in arms from each of our service branches are deployed in many places throughout the world.

There they fulfill their responsibility to defend our country.

We who are home stationed also shoulder responsibilities that are equally important in our Global War on Terror.



While enjoying our long laundry list of rights at home, I believe we must always remember and give priority to these responsibilities.

I believe that those of us who pray have a responsibility to pray for each other every day.

The Bible describes our prayers **as an offering of incense collected in golden bowls and presented to God in glory.** (Revelation 5:8)

We have a responsibility to conduct ourselves with integrity and to do our jobs with excellence.

Let us never cause precious resources that could have been used to protect our troops or improve their quality of life to be wasted on our behalf because we failed to behave ourselves or do the job that was given to us!

Another responsibility that we take up on their behalf is to support such opportunities as the state's Salute to Florida's Heroes celebrations.

Jacksonville will host one of these celebrations August 20th and 21st.

You and I have a **right** to sit home and enjoy our weekend off. We all need it and deserve it.

But, we have a

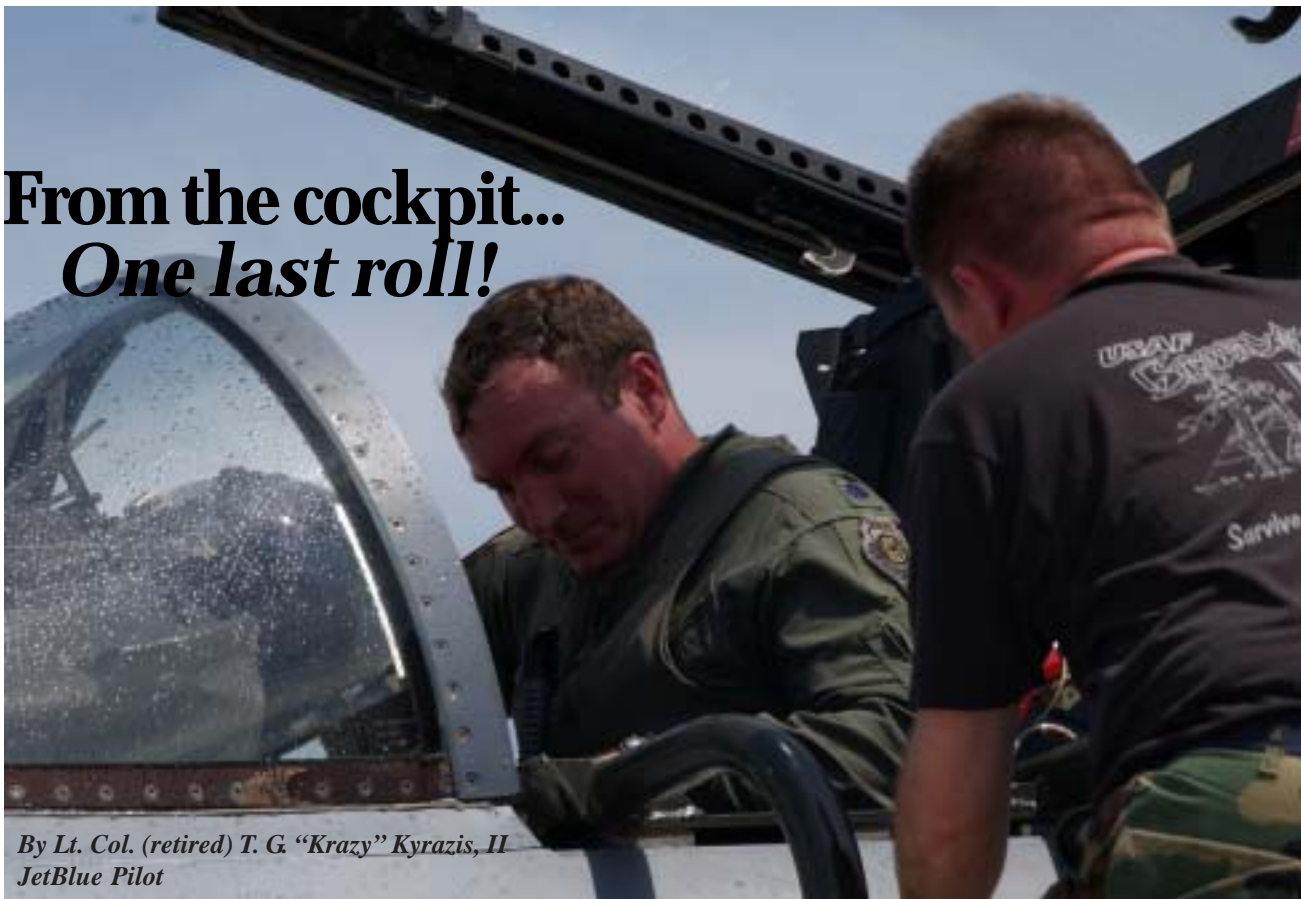
responsibility to give our city a chance to thank us for our efforts and through us to express their gratitude to our deployed brothers and sisters.

So, sing about R-E-S-P-E-C-T while fulfilling your R-E-S-P-O-N-S-I-B-I-L-I-T-I-E-S.

When you think about it, that may be one of our most cherished rights after all! God Bless You!

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From the cockpit... *One last roll!*



By Lt. Col. (retired) T. G. "Krazy" Kyrakis, II
JetBlue Pilot

This will be the last time I will share what happens in the cockpit of a 125th F-15 Eagle. Since I retired this summer, for my 'fini-article,' I thought I'd share just a bit of personal history of flying the F-15 for 20 years and explain what goes on during a "Fini-flight".

I started flying the F-15 in 1984 when the threat to our nation's security was the dreaded Soviet Union and its arsenal of adversary aircraft.

The F-15 radar, at that time, could only track one target at a time and fire a single AIM-7 radar-guided missile at that target.

Our idea of multi-targeting back then was to see two adversaries as we approached a merge (close-in pass), have the AIM-7 already in-flight on one, and then shoot an AIM-9 heat-seeker right off our nose (bore sight) on the other.

We expected and trained to fight the World War III scenario in Europe, outnumbered by two or three to one.

The maneuverability of the Eagle was superior to anything in the Soviet inventory and the heat-seeking missiles they had could only be shot at us from behind. Consequently, the F-15 was not even equipped with a flare system to decoy those missiles! If we ever had to fight that war, the F-15 would have fared well, but probably not with the total domination that we have come to expect.

The key to the F-15's success through the years was the Multi-Stage Improvement Program (MSIP). This began around 1986 and provided the means to continually upgrade the Eagle's radar and weapons computers.

This program paved the way for the track-while-scan modes of the radar followed by the AMRAAM (Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile, circa 1990).

These two advances allowed us to shoot at multiple targets from a single Eagle well outside of visual range. During this same time frame, the Soviets developed the Archer, an air-to-air heat seeking missile that far exceeded the capabilities of any comparable short-range missile in the U.S. inventory.

That was when we got serious about countermeasures, and installed a flare-dispensing system. Active-duty F-15C models also upgraded their Radar Warning Receiver (RWR) and electronic countermeasure systems around this same time.

So we were finally equipped to handle the WWIII scenario, and then the Soviet Union collapses!

Little did we know that just around the corner a major conflict was brewing over Iraq. Iraq was equipped with mostly Soviet aircraft and weapons

but they lacked the superior numbers we were used to training against. The dominance of the U.S. numerical and technological superiority resulted in an unprecedented turkey shoot.

Totaling Israeli and U.S. air-to-air engagement results, the F-15 has shot down over 100 enemy aircraft, and has NEVER been shot down itself!

So how does this bring us to a "Fini-flight?" Well, for my last flight in the Eagle, I wanted to go back to the weapons we were using when I first started flying. Good ole' fashion get-behind-'em and shoot-'em-down dogfighting!

With Brillo and Blade as my wingman (Col. Stacy and Col. Martin), I was going to be fighting against Stitch, Biff, Homer, and Rut (Lt. Col. Simpler, Lt. Col. Boehmer, Major Black, and Col. Rutherford). We all took off together and flew out to the airspace as a flight of six.

We did our mandatory "G" warm-up exercises in the middle of our fighting airspace, and then split off to our respective corners to start the fight.

When we got to within five miles of each other I used my skills honed from 20 years of

experience flying the Eagle to get behind my first adversary.

I then called my first kill, pretending to shoot an old fashioned heat-seeker at the closest guy. From that point on it was a memorable hornet's nest of swirling just like you could imagine from the movies!

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It was a perfect way to end a career flying in an aircraft that will go down in history as one of the greatest air-to-air fighters, in the same vane as the P-51 Mustang and the F-86 Saber.

It was my honor and privilege to have been able to fly the F-15 for 20 years and to have spent the last seven with the Florida Air National Guard.

I wish you all the best and good luck in all adventures the 125th undertakes in the future.

You all are truly a class act. - Krazy



Photos by Master Sgt. Shaun W. Withers

Lt. Col. T.G. Kyrakis II receives the traditional dousing after his Fini flight April 30. Pictured from left to right, Col. Jim Firth, Major Barry Wilkes, Major Richard Dill and Major John Black join other off camera hooligans targeting Lt. Col. Kyrakis with various forms of liquid "refreshment."

Letters from Baghdad...

Letters sent home from Iraq

By Lt. Col. John R. Wolverton

125th Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander

April 25: Living a lifetime in a single day

The last few days have flown by very fast. We were notified the night before that we are to move out early the next morning. We caught a convoy headed to an Iraqi Army Base next to the Iranian boarder. It was a big convoy carrying needed supplies to the troops serving there. One of the trucks carried the mail they had not received in over a month. We met the convoy the next morning in an area called the "Wolfpack" staging area. This is where we rally up all the cargo trucks along with the military support vehicles. Driving in between the military and cargo trucks are shooter/chase SUVs. Colonel Brooks is moved to an armored plated Humvee and I get to sit in the SUV with the shooters because two members of the same team cannot sit in the same vehicle to ensure the mission can carry on in case of an event.

The shooters go out almost every day so they have developed a warped sense of humor from facing death everyday.

"Sir would you like to sit in the front of the SUV?"

"Why?"

"So I can sit behind you and hide in case anything happens. You're a big target"

"No thanks, I'll sit in the back!"

The jokes continue back and forth between the convoy 'veterans.' As we pull out of the gate the shooter in front of me turns and says, *"So how do you like the suicide seat?"* *"Suicide seat?"* I ask. *"Yea, do you see a door?"* he answers.



Photos courtesy of Lt. Col. John F. Wolverton

Lt. Col. John R. Wolverton sits on five bags of Iraqi currency (Dinar). Wolverton and others picked up the money, to be used to pay the Iraqi military, from a bank in Baghdad.

There are no doors in the very back of the SUVs to get out of in case we need to dismount. "Well, when we bail out, good luck!" he says followed by an evil laugh. We enter the "Red Zone" and the joking stops. Everyone is very focused, including me. As we move into the city the team lead is giving us the ROEs (Rules of Engagements). These are the rules to guide you as to when you can and cannot engage the bad guys. For example, you can shoot anyone with a green head band and black flag that reads, "Kill all Americans" and has an AK pointing at you.

"Hey there's a guy with a green baseball cap, does that count?" Another joke to ease the tension.

We quickly pick up speed. Speed is your friend in a high risk environment. The faster you move the harder you are to hit. Our SUV speeds up to a car blocking one of our semi-trucks carrying water. The shooter in the passenger seat yells at him, while pointing to the side of the highway. The guy quickly moves and the semi picks up speed to catch up with the rest of the convoy. This goes on up and down the highway until we hit our first change in plan. We've hit a major traffic jam at the worst point in the city. The whole convoy comes to a stop and the team lead yells *dismount* over the radio. We all get out of our vehicles (I crawl over the back seat). I find a spot to cover the convoy and I notice three old Iraqi army helmets on a mound of dirt. I yell over to the super sergeant, *"Hey, is that normal?"* pointing to the helmets. *"It kinda makes me nervous."* He replies, *"It should."* I find a new place to stand.

Several locals come by to offer help. They point to different routes we could take. The team lead has found another way out of the traffic jam so we get back into the vehicles. As we go through ditches, over curbs, and down the wrong way on a one way street, we finally make it to the main road again.

John

May 13 : The night the Green Zone came under attack

It's been a long day. Everyday here is like an entire work week. I started by preparing a briefing for the new Iraqi Chief of Staff. The walk to his office is about 1.5 miles away. I was covered with sweat from head to toe. After the briefing, I headed back to the office and continued to work on the stack of action items that keeps piling up.

It was about 2030 when I returned to the hooch. My suite mate was already in bed. We like to use the word "suite" because it adds a little class to our "Jerry Springer Trailer Park." I thought I had better get a hot shower before the other guys at the other end of the trailer show up.



Above: A young girl in Fallugia, Iraq poses for a photo.

Right: Iraqis embrace the idea of free trade by setting up a market near the "Green Zone."



moving toward the Green Zone. This is it, this is when the training takes over. Wait a minute, us Air Force types don't get combat training. We only shoot a weapon once every three years and then only 60 rounds.

I see the runner coming back and I think to myself, *we may have to shoot our way back to the palace. I bet they're coming over the wall as we speak...*

But then the runner says, "Go back to bed! The Iraqi's have just won a big soccer game and they're celebrating. You may want to throw your flak vest over you in case another round falls on your trailer."

You have got to be kidding me! This is a war zone and they're shooting weapons in the air to celebrate? I was right. It was every gun in Baghdad. I'll bet you'll never see this in the news.

John

June 21: The last e-mail from Baghdad

As the time for my departure nears I am told I will experience mixed feelings. I'm not. Even though I feel great compassion for the good people of Iraq, I also know I can never truly understand their culture. Most of the people that are causing the problems are not even from Iraq and use innocent Iraqis as shields. They have been suppressed for so long they do not know how to fight back. This generation may not understand what is right before them but if somehow they survive, the next generation will. We are doing the right thing by supporting the Iraqis. Most Iraqis support democracy and the freedom of free trade. A local market has popped up since I have been here. They run a hard bargain and love to wheel and deal. Given half a chance they will survive and even thrive. They could easily become the breadbasket of the Middle East.

As for what I'm feeling, the only thing I'm feeling is tired. Tired of trying to get answers to questions that should not have to be asked. Tired of eating the same old chicken leg (my great grandmother claimed this happened to her when she was in the rest home, she would not eat it so they brought back the same old leg to her day after day). Tired of not being able to make the simplest things work. Tired of things blowing up everyday and night. We have become so complacent that when they start dropping mortars in the morning my roommate just grunts and rolls over. Remember the guy who thought I was whacked for taking a shower during a gun fight?

Most of all I'm tired of being with friends and yet alone, all of them wishing they were home with their families, including me. We are all ready to come home.

John

As I start to undress I here the pop-pop-pop of AK fire.

I step outside of the trailer with just my towel over my shoulder and my underwear on. The sky was lit up with red tracers everywhere. Soon my suite mate woke up along with the other guys from neighboring trailers. So I run back into the trailer and get my shower. Hey, it's hot water and you get it when you can. By the time I got back many of the Marines and Army troops were in full battle dress.

With just my flip-flops and shorts on I went around the corner to check on Col. Brooks. He is getting his battle gear on and says I should do the same. As I came out of his trailer, a sergeant from down the row said a round had just hit a trailer in the roof. At about the same time our operations officer, a great big dude that makes most pro wrestlers look like tinker toys, said he had just sent a runner to the TOC (Tactical Operations Center) to see where the attack is coming from.

Gunfire erupts everywhere and it gets louder and closer. One Marine commented it sounded like a coordinated attack. I hurry back to my trailer to get my "Battle Rattle" on (level 4 body armor, Kevlar helmet and all the weapons and ammo you can grab.) As I round the corner to my hooch, I hear my roommate say, "and this idiot goes and takes a shower." I respond with, "Look my mother told me to have clean underwear on in case I end up in the hospital."

By now everyone in the trailer park is out in the middle waiting for the word back from the TOC. It was as if every gun in Baghdad was

125th civil engineers build, work in the combat zone

By Tech. Sgt. Julie A. Fisher
125th Readiness Office

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq - Approximately 50 members of the 125th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed here in May.

The group became part of the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing at Balad Air Base/Logistics Staging Area (LSA) Anaconda. The installation, located about 40 miles north of Baghdad in the heart of the Sunni Triangle, provides combat airpower, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, search and rescue and air mobility operations.

Shortly after arrival, the 125CES commander, Lt. Col. Mark L. Momberg, assumed command of the 332d Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron. The squadron is comprised of about 275 members from more than 40 different active duty, Guard and Reserve Air Force units. Since then, the unit members have been working to



Photos courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Julie A. Fisher

Airmen from the 125th Civil Engineer Squadron work on equipment during a recent mission in Iraq. More than 50 military personnel from the 125th are deployed for a three-month tour in the Southwest Asia nation.

provide expedient and agile aerospace civil engineering, readiness, explosive ordnance disposal and fire fighting services in support of the air operations at Balad Air Base/LSA Anaconda.

After arrival in country, Senior Master Sgt. Rafael L. Trespalacios, 125CES structures shop supervisor, was put in charge of the Security Escort Program for the 332d Expeditionary Air Wing. The Security Escort Program consists of approximately 65 Air Force members, mostly Airmen and junior NCOs with various AFSCs, who volunteered to come to Iraq and act as security escorts for local nationals (LNs) and third-country nationals (TCNs). The security escorts accompany the LNs and TCNs around the installation as they work, whether it be sandbagging or installing roofing.

Each armed security escort is responsible for escorting up to seven LNs or TCNs.

Trespalacios, who has been a member of the Florida Air National Guard for 14 ½ years, was asked by CE leaders approximately a week after arrival if he would be willing to take charge of this program. "I chose Senior Master Sgt. Trespalacios to lead the Security Escort Program because he's the type of person who will give it his all. He considers taskings such



Senior Master Sgt. Rafael L. Trespalacios, 125CES structures shop supervisor, is in charge of the Security Escort Program for the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing at Balad AB, Iraq. Trespalacios supervises approximately 65 Air Force members, mostly Airmen and junior NCOs with various AFSCs, who work as security escorts for local nationals (LNs) and third-country nationals (TCNs).



Photo courtesy of Master Sgt. Robert L. Pike, Jr.

Master Sgt. Robert L. Pike, Jr., assistant fire chief for training, emerges from the flames during a training session.

as this a challenge,” said Senior Master Sgt. Calvin Jones, chief of operations for CE.

When asked if he would be willing to take over the program, Trespalacios said, “I will do whatever you need me to do.”

Trespalacios is responsible for training the escorts, scheduling transportation for the escorts, LNs and TCNs around base, and assigning escorts to specific LNs and TCNs who have contracted jobs on base.

Trespalacios’s day starts when all the escorts arrive at their reporting location. He briefs them on the current situation and assigns the escorts to their duties.

The security escorts then proceed to the armory where they are issued weapons.

From there, the escorts go to one of the installation’s gates, where the LNs and TCNs are in-processed by security forces.

The LNs and TCNs go through a rigorous screening process at the base entry gate each day.

The process includes ID checks, body searches and metal detector screening. Once the LNs and TCNs are in-processed, a designated team of security

escorts transport them to their job sites where other security escorts await them. Escorts will then spend the day with the LNs and TCNs accompanying them as they do their jobs.

Basically, the security escorts stay with and monitor the actions of the LNs and TCNs and ensure they are only doing what they are contracted to do. After the work day is over, a team of security escorts transports the LN and TCN workers back to the gate, where they are then out-processed and released from the base.

Most of the escorts enjoy working with the LNs and TCNs. “It’s really interesting to work with them. We get the chance to talk to them and learn a little about them. Sometimes they ask how to say things in English, and we ask them to teach us words in Arabic,” said Senior Airman Angela General, medical supply technician from Andrews Air Force Base, who works as a security escort. Trespalacios, who calls Lake City, Florida home, and is employed by UPS, finds

managing the security escort program very interesting.

Although he’s never managed this type of program before, he’s already made several improvements to the Security Escort Program. According to Jones, “He has risen to the occasion and done an outstanding job.”



Photo courtesy of Lt. Col. Mark L. Momberg

Lt. Col. Mark L. Momberg (center), commander of the 125th Civil Engineer Squadron, waits to receive the guidon while assuming command of the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, Balad AB, Iraq, May 27.

Desert/Southwest Asia Deployments

During the past several months, dozens of 125th members deployed to various 'hotspots' in Southwest Asia.

Communications personnel, security forces, transportation troops and others left their homes and are braving long hours and scorching temperatures on behalf of our country and the Florida Air National Guard.

These deployments are in support of AEF rotations 9/10 as well as other campaigns such as Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



125th Communications Flight members in Southwest Asia. Left to right: Master Sgt. Shaun W. Withers, Senior Master Sgt. Keith L. Cooper, Staff Sgt. Lee O. Tucker, Tech. Sgt. Raquel Barriere, Major James S. Stuart, Staff Sgt. Marcus Burgos, Tech. Sgt. Tracey D.



Photo courtesy of Master Sgt. Solomon D. Sheffield

Master Sgt. Solomon D. Sheffield, 125th Security Forces Squadron, hands out gum to local children in Kyrgastan.

Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey E. Shields



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey E. Shields, 125th Logistics Readiness Squadron, in Iraq.



Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey E. Shields

Firing day at the range in Iraq.

‘Greener Pastures’

125th members also deployed to other less ‘harsh’ environments in support of various missions.

The C-26 crew and support personnel deployed to Columbia for 45 plus days in support of the war on drugs. Lt. Col. “Gooch” Whittemore deployed to Ramstein AB, Germany in support of operations in Kosovo and other European nations.



Photo courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Joseph B. Kane

A C-26 takes the runway somewhere in Columbia.



Photo courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Joseph B. Kane

Senior Amn. Leo H. Joachim, III, 125th Security Forces Squadron, on duty somewhere in Columbia.



Photo courtesy of Lt. Col. “Gooch” Whittemore

Lt. Col. “Gooch” Whittemore, 125th C-130 pilot, in Pristina, Kosovo.



Photo courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Joseph B. Kane

Tech. Sgt. Mitch White, 125th Maintenance Operational Flight/Maintenance Operations Control, fixes a satellite communications radio while deployed in Columbia.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. (Ret) Robert H. Tanner

Master Sgt. Mark J. Perry and daughter Georgia.

Family Day 2004, held May 23, gave FANG members, families and friends the chance to not only have fun in the sun, but the chance to see what 'we' do here at the 125th.

The day of fun, prizes and information featured dancers from a local dance academy, Jaguar football players, and even a Robin Williams impersonator.

Other activities included a dunking tank, face painting, clowns, free raffle, free food and give-a-ways galore.

Family Day 2004



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Karen M. Strandberg



Robin Williams impersonator Michael Lee Clayton hams it up with Jacksonville Jaguars football players: (left to right) Jeff Chandler, kicker; Chris Hanson, punter; and Joe Zelenka, tight end.

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Above: Tech. Sgt. Sue A. Kirkland, 125th Mission Support Flight, and others watch as a boy tries to fish for a prize during Family Day 2004.

Left: Col. James O. Eifert, 125th Operations Group commander, braces himself as son Austin, 10, winds up and prepares to dunk his daddy. Austin's younger sister Katherine, 7, looks on.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. (Ret) Robert H. Tanner

Tech. Sgt. Alvin J. Pollard, Jr., 125th Civil Engineer Squadron, speaks to a family member about the job of the explosive ordnance section here at the 125th.

inbrief



Chief's Words

*Chief Master Sgt. Charles W. Wisniewski
125th Fighter Wing Command Chief*

It seems like just yesterday we finished the Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) and now we are starting to get ready for the ORI! I was thinking the same thing most of you were thinking, it is 18 months away. What's the rush? Unfortunately, in Guard UTA time that is only 36 days away.

There are a couple of ways to prepare for the ORI.

We could wait a few months before the inspection and then try to cram all the necessary training into six or eight months. Or, we could break it down into small steps (part task training) over a longer period of time.

We opted for the later. Spreading the training out over a longer period of time allows us to do small exercises that concentrate on learning or relearning a task. Doing an aircraft generation one UTA, a mobility exercise on another all the while practicing with our chemical suits so that we become comfortable working in them. We also have to work on the ATSO training, transitioning from area to area, decontamination, UXO marking and identification and self-aid/buddy care. As we get closer to the ORI we will start blending these (part task) that we have been practicing into a

couple of ORE's. When you look at all that we have to do and only 36 UTA days to do it you can see why we had to get started preparing ourselves.

More importantly, the ORI preparations are not just so we can pass an inspection. These are the same skill sets that we will take to combat when and if we are called upon to defend our country.

We are at war with terror. Everyday we see our fellow military members fighting and some giving their lives in this war.

Our only real purpose for being in the Guard, for being a member of the military is to be part of a trained force ready to go anywhere at anytime to defeat our enemies.

These skills that we are practicing today as we get ready for our ORI may very well save our lives if we end up in combat tomorrow.

Security Issues

*Staff Sgt. Benjamin Cline
125FW Antiterrorism Coordinator*

As members of the military, especially when wearing the uniform in public, we are potential targets for surveillance. Most of the time, it is the curious civilian that pays us the most attention, appearing to be completely harmless. However, there is a chance that the person watching you enter a store or the

person listening to your conversation at a restaurant is not just a curious civilian. This person may be the enemy! It is imperative to always practice OPSEC while out in public. Never discuss any upcoming deployments or talk about anything else that could jeopardize the mission and the safety of our military members.

In our everyday lives, it can be very easy to fall into complacency. Always stay alert and be aware of your surroundings. If you witness any suspicious activity on or off base call your local law enforcement agency and/or Security Forces - Central Security Control (CSC) at 904-741-7861.

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Education Fair

Due to a reporting omission, the contributions of the Military Equal Opportunity Office to the March 2004 Education Fair were not mentioned in last springs *The Eagle's Eye*. We regret the omission.

Family Programs: *Coping during the deployment*

By Ms. Beth Eifert

FLANG Family Programs Coordinator

It's one thing to preach the concepts of family readiness.

It's another thing to actually live them. Currently, dozens of 125th families are manning the proverbial home front as their loved ones are literally manning the front lines.

These families could teach us all a thing or two about strength, courage and perseverance.

Niki, whose husband deployed to Iraq in May, is a long-time Guard spouse.

While she is used to military separations, until now none have ever been to a hostile area. Niki copes by following three rules:

"I try not to think too much about 'what ifs,'" she said. "I keep myself very busy and, most importantly, I turn off the TV."

Also, she works hard to maintain a normal routine. "Luckily, I've had a lot to focus on: a high school graduation, a college orientation, and two weddings."

Debbie is the mother of John, a young Guardsman who is in the same unit as Niki's husband. The role of a military parent can be particularly difficult since they often feel left out of the communication loop now that their son or daughter is an adult.

Like Niki, Debbie avoids television.

"I stay busy with my job and my family, and I write plenty of cards and emails to John," Debbie said.

Niki and Debbie share coping

techniques.

Both credit the love, care, and support of family, friends and neighbors.

"The night before Mark deployed, our neighbors lined our street with American flags," said Niki. "It was an amazing sight to wake up to!"

Debbie said that her friends from church have been particularly caring. They held a special service for John's unit before they left and now spend time assembling care packages for them.

Both women are also very grateful for the blessings of modern technology.

"We write e-mails each day and this makes him seem closer," said Niki.

Debbie said she keeps in touch with other people who correspond with John and they talk about the conversations they've had with him.

"He'll tell friends things he may not tell me. While they'll never break his confidence,

they do share things that help me to get a more well-rounded idea of how John is doing."

And, both women acknowledge their faith in God.

"I don't know where I'd be without my faith," shared Niki.

Of course, even with the best coping strategies in place, there are always the 'down times' that try each of their souls.

Niki recounted a time not long ago that she, despite the best coping strategies, succumbed to the feeling of loneliness.

"It was the day that Ronald Reagan died," she said. "First, I watched a memorial report, and then they played the song 'An American Soldier' by Toby Keith. That's when I lost it!"

Debbie added, "There are definitely low points. How could there not be?"

Then, with the strength and courage of a military mom, she admitted, "So I allow myself a good cry...and then I move on."



This summer five Florida cities are hosting homecoming events for returning soldiers, Airmen and their dependents. These homecoming ceremonies are called "Salute to Florida's Heroes" and will honor the service and sacrifice of our troops and their dependents. While all of these homecoming events are unique celebrations by the cities, each will offer entertainment, unit awards, and speeches from honored guests. Jacksonville's program is scheduled for August 21, 2004, 4:00 p.m. at The Landing. Several thousand personnel and families from nine units are expected to attend.

Tales from the wrenches

By Lt. Col. Bob "Squirt" Branyon
125th Maintenance Group Commander

Imagine for a moment you are driving a Ferrari. You stop at a red light, and as you watch traffic whiz by in front of you, you reach for your cell phone. Suddenly, without any input from 'you' the gas pedal drives itself full to the floor, and your Ferrari accelerates rapidly. Just how good are you? How fast will your reflexes be?

Will you be able to hit the brakes and instantly turn off the ignition to avoid a catastrophic accident? Or, will you careen out of control, crashing into the cars ahead of you?

There's a phenomenon that can occur when an F-15 Eagle is on the ground called "auto-acceleration," whereby the very powerful Eagle's engine accelerates to 100% power in just a few moments, without any



Photos by Staff Sgt. Shelley R. Gill

input from the pilot. It is an extremely hazardous situation and no amount of pressure applied to the brakes can hold the aircraft in its chocks. If not

acted upon quickly, the aircraft will accelerate and demolish anything in its path, to include other F-15s, vehicles, and people.

However, it's not only pilots that can experience this dangerous situation. In fact, crew chief Tech. Sgt. R. Wayne Dryden happened to be sitting in the cockpit of aircraft 88 earlier this spring, conducting a "normal" engine run to trouble-shoot some maintenance on the jet, when the aircraft's gremlins decided to test his reflexes.

What seemed like a routine

engine run turned hazardous quickly as the F-15 engine rapidly accelerated from idle toward full power. Wayne quickly yanked the throttles to "off" and pushed the "fire buttons" to kill fuel flow to the engine, as he simultaneously stomped on the brakes. He was so quick that he shut the engine down as it was accelerating through 88% RPM.

His actions potentially saved tremendous damage to aircraft 88 and all of the jets, vehicles, and people around him.

So, what's up with the tanks?

I know that those of you who possess keen powers of observation have been asking this question: In June, why were some F-15's flying with two wing-mounted fuel tanks and some flying with no tanks? Well, we have a pilot, Major Barry D. "Wile-E" Wilkes, who just left for Fighter Weapons School (FWS) training at Nellis AFB, Nev. for six months.

Fighter Weapons School is like the Navy's Top Gun School, only much better. Wile-E will return in December to become the next Weapons Officer for the



Staff Sgt. Joseph D. Spruill, fuel technician with the 125th Fighter Wing, Florida Air National Guard, removes fuel soaked foam blocks from within the bowels of a F-15 #1 fuel cell so that the fuel bladder can be replaced. Not pictured is Senior Amn. Kelly J. Barnewolt who is inside the tank passing foam to the top.

Fighter Squadron. His first test at FWS will be BFM (Basic Fighter Maneuvers) missions, dog fighting against an FWS instructor.

That's why maintenance provided several weeks of "clean" (no tank) jets for Wile-E's "spin-up" training for FWS.

Flying clean F-15s for BFM is a training phase the pilots accomplish periodically throughout the year. When the jet is clean, it is much more maneuverable offering more G's available to dogfight than when the jet has fuel tanks hanging on the wings.

That's why we flew clean against the MiG-29s at Key West two years ago.

On a wartime mission, our F-15s would be loaded with two, maybe three external tanks, like we flew in Saudi Arabia for our last Operation Southern Watch deployment.

If nothing exciting happens, the pilot lands with all the tanks that he launched with.

However, if engaging a MiG, or if shot at by a Surface-to-Air

Missile (SAM), a pilot would normally jettison his fuel tanks in order to engage the MiG or defeat the SAM.

If you were to wander into the fuel shop, located in the hangar to the east of the Security Police area of Building Five, you would find Master Sgt. Philip J. Braswell, fuel shop chief, and his fuel troops. The last time I visited Braswell, I was surprised to find that an Eagle had swallowed one of his troops.

Yes, the gentleman was actually inside the main internal fuel cavity of the F-15, fixing a leaking fuel "bladder," while breathing from an oxygen mask system to prevent asphyxiation.

The lighting system he used to see while inside the Eagle was a fiber optic line, in order to prevent heat and sparks—two definitely bad items to have in a volatile fuel environment.

In addition to fixing various fuel problems in the F-15 internal tanks system, Braswell's shop has to ensure we have adequate external fuel

tanks both available and functional.

Braswell owns two types of high-speed fuel tanks: Sgt Fletcher tanks, the majority of the tanks we possess, and Derlin tanks. In fact, when we deploy, we take a certain amount of Derlin tanks, each disassembled and stored in a metal container that resembles a huge water drain pipe, about eight feet long and four feet in diameter.

With a regular tool box, a fuel specialist can assemble a high-G, high-speed tank in about eight hours.

This deployed capability ensures we cannot only replace and fix tanks that are a problem for an F-15, but we can also construct new fuel tanks, in case the pilots must jettison them in combat.

That's a quick overview of "tanks" and the fuel shop, one of the vital pieces of the war fighting capability of the F-15 and the 125th Fighter Wing.

In Loving Memory

We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And the days before that, too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have is memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part.
God has you in His Keeping.
We have you in our Heart.

-Author Unknown



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shelley R. Gill

Senior Airman Paul E. McDaniel
Nov. 16, 1978 - May 31, 2004

News from HQ

Leading the way in transformation

By Brig. Gen. Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr.
Commander, Florida Air National Guard

The Florida Air National Guard is aggressively pursuing a transformation strategy by looking within our organization to see if all existing FLANG missions continue to be relevant in the current threat environment.

State Headquarters is working with the National Guard Bureau, 1st Air Force, Space Command, Air Combat Command and Central Command to determine which current missions are evolving and which missions should fade away.

Throughout the planning process it has been clear that in order to remain relevant we need to change the way we do business. Though we always strive to obtain the latest equipment, the best training, and the most qualified people, we must be sure that we have the right missions to meet current and future threats.

To that end, the 114th Combat Communications Squadron recently underwent a role/mission change after recognizing that advanced technology in the communications area required a much smaller footprint.

The unit is converting into a Range Operations Support Squadron (ROSS). This is a new mission for the FLANG operating within the 45th Space Wing at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Members of the 114ROSS will work side by side with active duty Air Force

command and control officers on most missile and shuttle launches at the Cape.

This is an exciting and challenging mission for which the FLANG is exceptionally qualified. This new role in Space Command offers the FLANG many opportunities for growth and future missions, and provides Space Command with a stable, reliable, and fully trained partner. Southeast Air Defense Sector (SEADS) is continuing to undergo a similar role/mission change.

Like the 114th, it will move them into a new and exciting



Photo by Capt. Lucinda L. Recor

Members of the 114th Combat Communications Squadron set up a satellite dish. Once the 114th converts into a Range Operations Support Squadron (ROSS), operating within the 45th Space Wing at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, 114ROSS members will work side by side with active duty Air Force command and control officers on most missile and shuttle launches.

mission while retaining their existing cadre of highly trained and qualified personnel. The mission SEADS will assume is that of an Air Operations Group (AOG), which entails coordination and integration of vertical and horizontal units and becoming a focal point for planning, directing and assessing tactical operations anywhere in the world. This will again position the FLANG well



for future missions and opportunities.

These are just two examples of the transformation process in action in the Florida Air National Guard today. Our State should receive many more opportunities to move forward into missions such as these and it is the intention of your senior leadership to keep you informed as each opportunity becomes a reality.

In every case this Headquarters will do whatever is necessary to retain the existing force, to find compatible assignments, to offer training to those willing to retrain, and to look for growth missions whenever we can.

Allow me to say once more how proud I am of you, our citizen-Airmen who continue to answer the call to defend this nation at home and abroad.

The volunteer spirit you have demonstrated during this time of need exceeds all my expectations and history will record the extraordinary achievements of Air Guardsmen who served in the Global War on Terrorism.

Shania tells Florida Guard 'You're Still the One'

By Major Eurydice Stanley
Deputy, Florid National Guard
Public Affairs Office

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Thousands of members of the Florida National Guard and other military services were provided complimentary tickets to Shania Twain's four concerts throughout Florida recently.

The country music star showed her appreciation of military personnel by making them her personal guests.

Twain donated 6,000 tickets for her shows in Orlando, Jacksonville, Tampa and Sunrise, Fla., to military members across the state. The concerts were held between July 6 and 10.

Twain's concert promoter released the following statement:

"Shania Twain wishes to salute the men and women of



Photo courtesy of Fantasma Productions.

Country singer Shania Twain performs in Orlando, July 6, during one of her four Florida concerts.

Florida's National Guard (Army and Air). Shania is inviting service members and their families to each of her Florida

concerts during this summer's "Up!" tour. It's a small way to thank these men and women for the huge contributions they make to protect our nation every day."

Tickets were primarily distributed to Florida National Guard Army and Air units as well as local services in the area of each show. "This was an extraordinarily generous gesture from a gifted artist - it was a great show," said Col. Alan K. Rutherford, director of operations for the Florida Air National Guard.

Tickets that were not used by members of the Florida National Guard were provided to United States Southern Command, Patrick AFB, MacDill AFB and Veteran's Hospitals throughout the state of Florida.

Government enforces Reservists' re-employment rights

By Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 8, 2004 — Several government agencies are working together to aggressively defend the re-employment rights of reserve-component service members.

Under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, reserve and National Guard troops cannot lose their jobs or their benefits due to military service.

U.S. Special Counsel Scott J. Bloch prosecutes federal agencies that fail to comply with the tenets of USERRA. Bloch today visited the Pentagon to pledge his vigilance in these duties. He signed a statement of support for the Guard and reserves on behalf of federal employers. Leaders of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs spoke at the ceremony.

Assistant Defense Secretary for Reserve Affairs Thomas Hall compared the overwhelming support for today's troops with his own days as a sailor during the Vietnam era. Hall said that in 21 months in his current position, he has had the opportunity to speak to at least 120,000 people around the country and abroad.

"Everywhere I go, I find a different spirit than perhaps existed in my younger years in the Navy. Controversy rocked the country, and many of our young men and women who came back from Vietnam ... weren't welcomed," Hall said.

Bloch is especially committed to serving as an advocate for service members because his son, 19-year-old Marine Lance Cpl. Michael Bloch, is preparing to deploy for a second rotation in Iraq.

"As a member of the administration, I support USERRA," Bloch said before signing the statement of support. "But I also support it as a citizen and as a father of an active-duty Marine."

USERRA suits against civilian employers are brought by the Justice Department, but even those are rare. Bloch estimated roughly eight cases are referred to the Justice Department each year. Of those, perhaps five are litigated, he said. In most cases, a phone call to an ESGR representative will solve a reserve-component service member's problem. The ESGR representative will meet with employers to explain the requirements mandated by USERRA.

For more information about USERRA or ESGR call 1-800-336-4590, go to www.esgr.org, or contact the 125th Public Affairs Office.

In the Spotlight



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michelle L. Thomas

Tech. Sgt. Paul R. Bryant

Bryant is an information management specialist for the 125th Communications Flight.

He joined the FANG in 1994, and currently works as a full-time technician.

Bryant also is the work group manager, which means that he manages the computer user account program for the entire Wing.

According to Bryant, he joined the FANG to "become a valuable member of the military," and he has enjoyed working here full-time ever since becoming a technician in January 2003.

His most memorable experience so far was during Family Day last May when his children Paul, 8, Robert, 13, and Nicholas, 6, got the chance to see what he does for the military.

By the time his career ends, Bryant would like to serve as the 125th's Command Chief Master Sergeant. "You've got to aim high!" said Bryant.

Bryant lives in Jacksonville with his wife, Ella, and their three children.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michelle L. Thomas



Photo by Lawrence Belge

Members and guests gathered for the Air Force Association Falcon Chapter meeting here June 23, 2004. They discussed various issues concerning all members of the Air Force.

Promotions

To Lt Colonel

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Christopher E. Prusak, 159FS
Gordon J. Sullivan, 125MXG
John F. Wolverton, 125LRS

To Major

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Dexter V. Davis, 125FW
Randall S. Reep, 159FS
Carol M. Tompkins, 125MDG

To Captain

Williams R. Cannon, 125OSF
Victoria R. Rozboro, 125SVF
Brian A. Vitetta, 125CES

To 1st Lieutenant

Carl R. Guckenberger, 125LRS

To Senior Master Sgt.

Brian M. Blaquiere, 125OSF
Burhl E. Hartin, 125CES

James D. Lang, 125CES
Richard D. Phillips, 125AMS
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Michael J. Seger, 125SFS
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Kevin R. Mackenzie, 125MXS
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Kamal K. Malik, 125SVF
Macy Timothy Rossetter, 125MXS
Terry N. Turbes, 125CES
Thomas D. Yagecic, 125CES

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125FW CCAF Graduates

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Florida Air National Guard Retiree Association

The FLANGRA held our semi-annual dinner in conjunction with the Falcon Chapter of AFA April 22 at the NAS JAX "O" club. More than 100 people attended and enjoyed a surf-n-turf dinner and a briefing on the Red Horse activities in Iraq presented by Lt. Col. Jack Paschal, 202nd Red Horse commander.

Our next meeting is planned for Oct. 28 at the "O" Club where we will again enjoy surf-n-turf. Mark your calendars and bring a friend. The price is \$20 per person. Please forward your reservations and checks to Jack Stuart, 10253 Briarcliff Road East, Jacksonville, Fla. 32218. We really have a good time and I hope to see you there.

We are saddened at the loss of Laverne Searcy and Marty Bell and send our condolences to their families. I hope every one is enjoying the summer season and I'm sure the cooler weather of fall will be welcome. Please continue to remember our Guardsmen and women deployed around the world and the great job all our people are doing.

Ernie Webster President - FLANGRA

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